IN THE CLAIMS

1. - 37.   (cancelled)

38.   (currently amended) A   method   for   administrating distribution of contents, the method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

receiving a request for specified content from a user terminal;

obtaining   the   specified   content   from   a   content provider;

encrypting the specified content ~~with~~ using a content key;

adding a content ID of the specified content to the encrypted content;

transmitting   the   encrypted   content   ~~having~~ and the added content ID ~~added thereto~~ through the user terminal to a player ~~content server~~;

generating a use condition ~~including~~ associated with the content ID for specifying ~~the content which a user apparatus is authorized to use in accordance with the use condition and a user ID specifying the user apparatus that is authorized to~~ use of the specified content in accordance with the use condition; and

at   a   time   subsequent   to   the   transmitting   of   the encrypted content and the added content ID through the user terminal to the player,

receiving a request for the content key from the player   through   the   user   terminal,   the   request including the content ID, and

in response thereto, transmitting ~~the encrypted content stored in the content server,~~ the content key and the use condition through ~~a~~ the user terminal to ~~a~~ the player ~~in response to a request from a user~~.

39.   (currently amended) The method according to claim 38, further comprising ~~the step of~~ generating the content key.

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